

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zachariah Smith S3927

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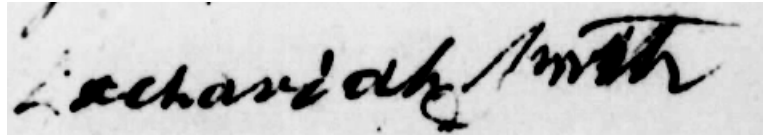
State of Tennessee Williamson County: On this 5th day of September 1832 personally appeared before me Thomas Stuart presiding Judge of the circuit of Williamson County State of Tennessee Zachariah Smith aged seventy-five years a resident of Williamson County and State of Tennessee, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated. He first entered while living in Halifax County North Carolina into Captain Harris's Company being drafted for a four month tour. The company was marched to Colonel Branch's Regiment of militia – General Jones was our commander and by him about the time of Gates defeat at Camden, we were marched to the assistance of that General. We were marched to the Waxhaw and there encamped and General Gates was nowhere to be found we lay at this place for further orders and until my tour of four months for which I received a discharge, had expired, when I returned home and remained there until the month of August when I was drafted for a three months tour into Captain Turner's Company and our company joined a body of troops commanded by a Colonel whose name I forget. I think I entered this company about the month of August 1781. After some little delay we were marched to Wilmington then in possession of the British. We encamped in the suburbs of the town, and for some time. At length we determined to attack, but the night previous to the morning we intended to attack them they decamped and we entered Wilmington. In a very short time after this we heard of Cornwallis's surrender and we had nothing to do my time however soon after expired and I got a discharge which together with my first I lost in coming to this country nearly [illegible] years afterwards. This last was a discharge of 3 months. I was born in Halifax County North Carolina in 1757 where living until about the year 1810 I moved to Williamson County Tennessee where I have been living ever since and still live. I was acquainted with General Allen Jones, Colonel John Branch and my Captains. I have no record of my age other than that in a Psalm book in North Carolina now in my Brother's possession. I know of no person in this country who can certify to my services as stated. My last discharge was signed by Captain Turner. My first by Captain Harris. I am acquainted with Thomas Pate and Jesse Pate Senior, and Jesse Pate Junior etc. who can certify to my age my character as having been a soldier of the revolution, and for veracity. I hereby relinquish all claim whatever to a pension or annuity and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any

State.

Sworn to in open court 5th September 1832

S/ P. Hay, Clk

S/ Zachariah Smith

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Zachariah Smith". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Thomas 8, Jesse 8 Senior, and Jesse 8 Junior, and David Ivey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Zachariah Smith who has signed and sworn to the above declaration, do say on oath that the only clergyman with whom I am acquainted is by the name of Lent Brown [?] Who lived several miles from court and is so much a cripple with the rheumatism as that he could not conveniently attend to make the necessary certificate and besides he cannot read writing.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]